

BT/CT/RAD

Amended Meeting Minutes

2/8/2011

Present: Julianne Nassif, Peter Kane, Tom Coulombe, Sue Koszalka, Betsy Szmczak, Tanya Swanson, Cheryl Gauthier, Becky Hastings, Deb Carter, Glenn Krumholz and Caryn Conley.

Facilitator: Julie Nassif – Analytical Chemistry

Recorder: Giovanni Rosas

Next meeting: 2/22/2011 10 – 11 AM Auditorium

1. Announcements:

New Microbiologist in the BTRL Becky Hastings

2. Department Reports

A. BTRL

1. Case of acquired **Burkholderia pseudomallei** infection in a 50-60 year old Cambodian male who had travelled to Thailand. Patient has a brain abscess, a biopsy was done and sample sent for analysis. A sample was also sent to CDC (for confirmation).

2. DEXX Visit (Regional vet lab)

Staff that (Tanya Swanson and Deb Carter) travelled to IDEXX explained reason for visit was to meet the staff, observe their work flow, and make suggestions on how to decrease the number of BT rule outs being sent to HSLI BTRL, IDEXX staff is knowledgeable with procedures. They have a new 3 new VITEC II instruments, replacing their Vitek Legacy instruments. This change may have caused the increase in BT rule outs.

3. Agents of Bioterrorism Sentinel Lab training is scheduled for the following dates: June 22, Sept 28, Oct 22 and Nov 2

4. 1ST Responder Training

There will be 18 people in this training which will involve FBI HAZMAT with 10 training coordinators.

B. CTRL

C. FERN

CST Training was held the week of 1/24

D. RAD/MERL

7. Tom Coulombe from Rad Lab mentioned they are surveying area around Seabrook Plant in Plymouth.